



Idaho

Bruneau Precision Bombing Range No. 2

Facility and Location

Bruneau Precision Bombing Range (PBR) No. 2 was used primarily as a practice bombing range by various bombardment groups, such as the 464th, 490th, and 494th between 1943 and 1953. In June 1943, a precision bombing range was needed to support the Mountain Home Army Airfield (AAF) and in September 1943, land was acquired from the Department of Interior for use as Mountain Home PBR No. 2. In 1946, Mountain Home AAF became a sub-base of Walla Walla AAF in Idaho and Petersen Field in Colorado. After creation of the Air Force, the property became known as Bruneau PBR No. 2. The property was declared excess in November 1953 and relinquished to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in November 1955. The BLM has since conveyed most of the usable land to private owners through the Desert Land Act. The land has been and is currently used for agriculture and cattle grazing.

Media Sampled and Findings

Drinking Water — In 2008, three samples reported no detection.

Appropriate Actions

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.